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Thread: [PRIVNOTES.COM Fake Clone Scam Site #2 On Google](#)

evilgnome - October 31, 2019, 9:53 am

All data is sent unencrypted in plaintext just check the requests, it also doesn't enforce any kind of decryption key when opening a note and the part after # in the URL can be replaced by arbitrary characters and the note will still open.

I wanna put out a warning because if you search for Privnote on Google the fake site is the 2nd result and 1st result if you don't have an ad blocker installed!

Bitcoin addresses are not swapped out automatically but manually, if you make a note and put some Bitcoin address and wait a while it'll be swapped out (manually, by the owner of the site), or if you send vouchers they'll be redeemed and the note destroyed without even being opened.

This is a warning about privnotes.com (scam) NOT privnote.com (safe).

I kinda feel like we should censor privnotes.com because of it showing as #1 in Google with ads and #2 without ads coupled with the fact that Hack Forums is heavily cryptocurrency oriented.

I lost a pretty penny due to this so I am kinda pissed, the owner is hiding behind CloudFlare and usual tricks like direct-connect, mx, CrimeFlare (down) and Netcraft didn't reveal nothing, recently registered, hiding behind WHOIS guard registered with NameSilo. From what I can tell the owner is a Russian national, but I don't know for sure.

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Still human error you should always be aware of. Unfortunately we are human and we do make mistakes. Best is to bookmark it and check it for real.

LayersOSImodel - October 31, 2019, 10:37 am

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Rake - *October 31, 2019, 3:57 pm*

Thanks for the warning!

While I've never sent sensitive information that has a monetary value attached, I've definitely used the service before just to have a quick discrete message sent.

Will try my best to dig into their host and see if there's some sort of complaint option with them or the registrar.